

TOWN OF UNION BOARD MEETING

Minutes for May 29, 2007

The Town of Union Board and Plan Commission held a special meeting called to order on May 29, 2007 at the Eager Free Public Library, 39 W. Main Street, Evansville, WI at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Kendall Schneider. Supervisors George Franklin and Don Krajeck were also present. Plan Commission members present : Alvin Francis, Mike Exum, Kim Gruebling, Doug Zweizig, Rich Templeton. Marty Johnson arrived late. Town resident Renee Exum also present. Plan Commission member missing: Eric Larsen.

The Roles, Process and Communication of Working with a Town's Engineer and Attorney

Greg Hofmeister, the town's engineer who had resigned shared his feelings regarding the lack of communication which was a factor which led to his resignation. He felt he was being left out of conversations and finding out things at the meeting. He was also concerned about the town's attorney not being involved in the Shotliff case. He felt Randy Shotliff's submittal included items normally needed to make a decision and that a decision should have been made a while ago.

He would like a lead time suitable for all parties to thoroughly review applications and make phone calls to attorney, and other resources.

Greg sees himself being involved when there is a drainage issue, traffic/road issues, and erosion control issues. He affirmed he would be available to find park pins.

Marty Johnson arrived at 7:37 p.m.

Chairman Schneider also asked for help with the Whistler road survey. He questioned whether Greg would like to be involved in overseeing the stormwater ordinance for the town. This would require a modification to the ordinance.

Mike Exum asked about contacting the engineer with questions. It was decided that Greg would generate a response and distribute to all Plan Commission members and board when appropriate. Members were reminded not to reply to all if there is further question to the engineer's response.

Kim Gruebling felt there should be a 30 day wait after the first meeting prior to the Plan Commission making a decision. It was decided that the application packet should include language that states a decision may not be made at the first Plan Commission meeting due to additional information needed or the need for further review.

Kim Gruebling asked about looking at the zoning first and development second. Greg said this is common. Alvin asked if Greg would be involved in the zoning part of an application. Yes, if the Plan Commission feels that need.

Greg requested that he receive all Plan Commission packets, mailings and e-mail correspondence. He will talk with Plan Commission about need to review and attend the meetings.

Doug stated the engineer, Plan Commission and Board should review this process in January 2008.

Alvin wondered if Greg would like to comment on the tower ordinance and be involved in other ordinances. Greg agreed that he would help. #6 of the draft Proposed Needs for Certified Engineering Services was amended to add "Provide comment and/or" at the beginning.

Plan Commission will review at a future meeting a revised due date schedule to that would allow the Plan Commission more time to review the application.

Mike Exum asked about the availability of an attorney. Kendall will try to find someone to represent us
Kendall stated he felt the zoning should have been taken care of first rather than everything all at once.

George Franklin moved to adjourn. Second by Alvin Francis. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Linda A. O'Leary, Clerk

Note: These minutes are considered draft until final board approval.